

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA
Public Meeting Room A
Delta Township Administration Building
7710 West Saginaw Highway
Lansing MI 48917

**TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Fletcher called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. OPENING CEREMONIES – Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Supervisor Ken Fletcher, Treasurer Howard Pizzo, Clerk Mary R. Clark, Trustee Dennis Fedewa, Trustee Jeff Hicks, Trustee Douglas Kosinski, and Trustee Karen Mojica

Members Absent:

Others Present: Acting Manager Jeff Anderson, Lt. Mark Wriggelsworth, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Roman, Community Development Department Director Mark Graham, Utility Department Director Tom Morrissey, and Parks and Recreation Department Director Marcus Kirkpatrick

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS –

1. Introduction of new staff assigned to Delta Patrol

Lt. Mark Wriggelsworth introduced five new deputies with the Eaton County Sheriff's Department.

- a. Deputy Dan Anderson
- b. Deputy Zack Johnson
- c. Deputy Andrew Jenkins
- d. Deputy Nick Newton
- e. Deputy Josh Turner

V. SET/ADJUST AGENDA

TREASURER PIZZO MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

TRUSTEE MOJICA SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA *(maximum two minutes)*

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

X. PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES –

XI. CONSENT AGENDA –

TRUSTEE MOJICA MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: SUPERVISOR FLETCHER, CLERK CLARK, TREASURER PIZZO, TRUSTEE FEDEWA, TRUSTEE KOSINSKI, TRUSTEE HICKS, AND TRUSTEE MOJICA.

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT:

THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

2.	Bills and Financial Transactions	\$	5,896,782.41
	Bond/Debt Payments		
	Investments		
	Payroll & Related		311,232.66
	Refunds		1,536.47
	Tax Distributions		4,819,319.24
	Vendor Claims		764,694.04
	Total	\$	5,896,782.41

TRUSTEE MOJICA MOVED TO APPROVE THE BILLS AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,896,782.41.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

3. Minutes –

March 2, 2015 Regular Township Board Meeting
March 9, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting

TRUSTEE MOJICA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 2, 2015 REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE MARCH 9, 2015 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

4. St. Gerard's Amusement/Entertainment Permit

Trustee Hicks stated that for disclosure purposes, he is a parishioner of St. Gerard Church, as well as Clerk Clark, and Supervisor Fletcher.

TRUSTEE MOJICA MOVED THAT THE DELTA TOWNSHIP BOARD GRANT AN AMUSEMENT AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE TO ST. GERARD'S CHURCH TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL FESTIVAL BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M., SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015, AND CONCLUDING AT 1:00 A.M., SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015, AND FURTHER

THE AMUSEMENT AND ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT IS GRANTED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS:

- 1) THAT ALL OTHER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS BE ADHERED TO;
- 2) THAT THE FIRE MARSHALL AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR WILL PERFORM INSPECTIONS AS REQUIRED AFTER FESTIVAL SET UP,
- 3) APPLICANT MUST ADHERE TO THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE REGARDING TENTS.
- 4) APPLICANT MUST ADHERE TO THE 2014 TENT DISPLAY ORDINANCE.
- 5) SECURITY FOR THE FESTIVAL MUST BE CERTIFIED THROUGH MASSACHUSETTS CROWD MANAGER COURSE PER DELTA TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT. CERTIFICATION IS GOOD FOR THREE YEARS.
- 6) FURTHER, THAT THE FEE FOR THE AMUSEMENT & ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE HAS BEEN WAIVED.

- 7) THE APPLICANT OF THE FESTIVAL SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS STATED IN SECTION 6-16 OF THE AMUSEMENT & ENTERTAINMENT ORDINANCE.
- 8) THE APPLICANT OF THE FESTIVAL SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTAINING ALL PARKING FOR THE FESTIVAL WITHIN THE CHURCH PROPERTY; AND
- 9) THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR THE FESTIVAL SHALL BE SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015, FROM 8 A.M. THRU SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015. TO 1:00 A.M.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

5. St. Gerard's Noise Ordinance Waiver

TRUSTEE MOJICA MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE REQUEST BY ST. GERARD CHURCH FOR A WAIVER OF THE NOISE ORDINANCE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:30 P.M. AND 11:30 P.M. ON MAY 2, 2015.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

6. Payment of Vouchers

TRUSTEE MOJICA MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD GIVE THE FINANCE DIRECTOR THE AUTHORITY TO RELEASE PAYMENT OF VENDOR INVOICES, WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE TOWNSHIP CLERK, AND

FURTHER, THESE SAME VOUCHERS WOULD BE PRESENTED FOR TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVAL AT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 20, 2015.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

7. Recommendation to Approve Commission Board Appointments and Reappointments

Planning Commission

Patricia Gabriel is recommended for reappointment to a three year term expiring March 31, 2018.
Mark Mudry is recommended for reappointment to a three year term expiring March 31, 2018.
Michael Meddaugh is recommended for appointment to a three year term expiring March 31, 2018.

Zoning & Sign Board of Appeals

H. David Arking is recommended for reappointment to a three year term expiring March 31, 2018.
David Newman is recommended for reappointment to a three year term expiring March 31, 2018.

Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Commission

Al Wilson is recommended for reappointment to a three year term expiring March 31, 2018.
Paul Kelsey is recommended for reappointment to a three year term expiring March 31, 2018.

TRUSTEE MOJICA MOVED THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED PERSONS CONTAINED IN A MEMO DATED MARCH 16, 2015 TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD, BE APPOINTED AND/OR REAPPOINTED TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARDS/COMMISSIONS; AND

THAT THE CLERK IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO SEND NOTIFICATION TO ALL OF THOSE SELECTED INFORMING THEM OF THEIR APPOINTMENT AND/OR REAPPOINTMENT, AND THOSE WHO WERE NOT SELECTED THANKING THEM FOR THEIR INTEREST IN SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

8. Mini Excavator Equipment Purchase

TRUSTEE MOJICA MOVED THAT THE DELTA TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE REQUEST TO PURCHASE A MINI EXCAVATOR FROM BOBCAT OF LANSING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,841.00, WHICH INCLUDES A TRADE-IN OF AN EXISTING UNIT.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

9. Recommendation to Approve Three Grant Applications through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources

TRUSTEE MOJICA MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION OF A SHARED USE PATH EXTENDING FROM WEBSTER ROAD WEST TO OLD RIVER TRAIL THROUGH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Whereas, Delta Township is desirous of implementing goal number 3 of the Parks Master Plan and goal number 1 of the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan; and

Whereas, Delta Township is eager to further facilitate the connection between neighborhoods and Township parks, and

Whereas, the Township has the necessary funding to provide for the match and the operation and maintenance of the project; and

Therefore, be it hereby resolved that authorization is given for the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for funding through the Michigan National Resources Trust Fund for the shared use path from Webster Road west to Old River Trail for project totaling \$300,000, and

Further, that the Township provide matching funds of 50%, (\$150,000) from its general fund, and that the grant request be for the remaining 50%, (\$150,000), and

Further, that Marcus Kirkpatrick, Parks and Recreations Director, be designated as the Township's representative for the project.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE DEVELOPMENT OF MT. HOPE PARK THROUGH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Whereas, Delta Township is desirous of implementing goal number 3 of the Parks Master Plan and goal number 2 of the Strategic Plan; and

Whereas, Delta Township is eager to further facilitate the connection between neighborhoods and Township parks, and

Whereas, the Township has the necessary funding to provide for the match and the operation and maintenance of the project; and

Therefore, be it hereby resolved that authorization is given for the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for funding through the Michigan National Resources Trust Fund for the development of the Mount Hope Park Property for a project totaling \$400,000, and

Further, that the Township provide matching funds of 50%, (\$200,000) from its general fund, and that the grant request be for the remaining 50%, (\$200,000), and

Further, that Marcus Kirkpatrick, Parks and Recreations Director, be designated as the Township's representative for the project.

RECOMMENDATION TO A PURCHASE AND INSTALL VAULT TYPE RESTROOMS AT HAWK MEADOWS PARK THROUGH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Whereas, Delta Township is desirous of implementing goal number 3 of the Parks Master Plan and goal number 4 of the Strategic Plan; and

Whereas, Delta Township is eager to further facilitate the connection between neighborhoods and Township parks, and

Whereas, the Township has the necessary funding to provide for the match and the operation and maintenance of the project; and

Therefore, be it hereby resolved that authorization is given for the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for funding through the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund for the purchase and installation of vault type restrooms at Hawk Meadow Park for a project totaling \$99,000, and

Further, that the Township provide matching funds of 50%, (\$49,500) from its general fund, and that the grant request be for the remaining 50%, (\$49,500), and

Further, that Marcus Kirkpatrick, Parks and Recreations Director, be designated as the Township's representative for the project.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

10. Recommendation to Approve a Grant Application through the Land and Water Conservation Fund

TRUSTEE MOJICA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

Whereas, Delta Township is desirous of implementing goal number 3 of the Parks Master Plan and goal number 2 of the Strategic; and

Whereas, Delta Township is eager to further facilitate the connection between neighborhoods and Township parks, and

Whereas, the Township has the necessary funding to provide for the match and the operation and maintenance of the project; and

Therefore, be it hereby resolved that authorization is given for the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the development of a Canoe Launch for a project totaling \$200,000, and

Further, that the Township provide matching funds of 50%, (\$100,000) from its general fund, and that the grant request be for the remaining 50%, (\$100,000), and

Further, that Marcus Kirkpatrick, Parks and Recreations Director, be designated as the Township's representative for the project.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

XII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION – NONE.

XIII. ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA UNDER SECTION V. SET/ADJUST AGENDA

XIV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

11. Board of Water and Light Board Appointment

Supervisor Fletcher stated that due to the consideration of many factors, he would like to recommend to the Board the appointment of William Long to serve as the Delta Township representative on the Board of Water and Light Commission.

SUPERVISOR FLETCHER MOVED THAT WILLIAM E. LONG, BE APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LANSING BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM COMMENCING JULY 1, 2015;

AND THAT THE CLERK IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO SEND OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION TO MR. LONG AND THE LANSING BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT INFORMING THEM OF THE APPOINTMENT.

TRUSTEE HICKS SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 6-1 (FEDEWA)

Trustee Fedewa offered a no vote explanation regarding the Supervisor's recommended appointment to serve as Delta Township's Board of Water and Light non-voting member:

"It should come as no surprise to my fellow board members that I oppose the Supervisor's recommendation.

I cannot support a candidate review process which excluded the board's participation. I took issue with the Supervisor asking this board to give him sole discretion to review and determine the qualifications of the candidates and recommend his choice to the board for approval. Additionally, the public was deprived of the opportunity to witness the candidate review process in an open and transparent manner.

Upon my review, it was clear there were two, top-tier candidates which both served as members on the BWL Community Review Team and both have had a long career in public service. But because the candidate interviews were closed and

opaque, neither I nor the board was able to review and consider the qualifications of each candidate for ourselves. Furthermore, the public was not able to witness it's elected officials engaging in an open, transparent and inclusive process.

These reasons alone are substantial enough for me to oppose the recommendation because I hold true to my convictions and the promise I made to the people of Delta Township.”

12. MDOT Noise Waiver Request

Trustee Hicks asked if all noise waiver requests in the future should be placed on the consent agenda.

Supervisor Fletcher stated that this noise waiver request was not placed on the consent agenda to allow individuals to speak to the board regarding this request.

Marsha Small, 1133 Vail Ct., stated that she does not believe that the noise waiver should be part of the consent agenda. Ms. Small stated that she has worked for MDOT for more than 30 years, she worked on social, economic, and environmental impact as part of her career. She was concerned about the number of work hours each night, the type of equipment used, and the noise level the work would produce.

Mr. Anderson stated that this work is a continuation of the project started last fall. The work that will be completed is patchwork for concrete. There were no noise complaints received by MDOT or Delta Township during the work completed in the fall of 2014, and the MDOT project manager states that the noise levels for upcoming work will not exceed the noise levels from last fall.

TRUSTEE MOJICA MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA APPROVE THE REQUEST BY MDOT FOR A WAIVER OF THE NOISE ORDINANCE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 P.M. AND 7 A.M. BEGINNING APRIL 18 THROUGH MAY 18, 2015.

CLERK CLARK SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

13. Cornerstone Church Demolition, 4901 W. Michigan Avenue

CLERK CLARK MOVED THAT THE DELTA TOWNSHIP BOARD ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM E.T. MACKENZIE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE CORNERSTONE CHURCH LOCATED AT 4901 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE AS OUTLINED IN THEIR DOCUMENT DATED MARCH 3, 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,300.00.

TRUSTEE KOSINSKI SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

14. MDOT Performance Resolution

CLERK CLARK MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MDOT PERFORMANCE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD:

Resolved whereas, the Delta Charter Township hereinafter referred to as the “GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY”, periodically applies to the Michigan Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as the “DEPARTMENT”, for permits, referred to as “PERMIT”, to construct, operate, use and/or maintain utility or other facilities, or to conduct other activities, on, over, and under State Highway right of way at various locations within and adjacent to its corporate limits:

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the DEPARTMENT granting such PERMIT, the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY agrees that:

1. Each party to this Agreement shall remain responsible for any claims arising out of their own acts and/or omissions during the performance of this Agreement, as provided by law. This Agreement is not intended to increase either party's liability for, or immunity from, tort claims, nor shall it be interpreted, as giving either party hereto a right of indemnification, either by Agreement or at law, for claims arising out of the performance of this Agreement.
2. Any work performed for the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY by a contractor or subcontractor will be solely as a contractor for the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY and not as a contractor or agent of the DEPARTMENT. The DEPARTMENT shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities by vendors and contractors of the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, or their subcontractors or any other person not a party to the PERMIT without its specific prior written consent and notwithstanding the issuance of the PERMIT. Any claims by any contractor or subcontractor will be the sole responsibility of the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY.
3. The GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY shall take no unlawful action or conduct, which arises either directly or indirectly out of its obligations, responsibilities, and duties under the PERMIT which results in claims being asserted against or judgment being imposed against the State of Michigan, the Michigan Transportation Commission, the DEPARTMENT, and all officers, agents and employees thereof and those contracting governmental bodies performing permit activities for the DEPARTMENT and all officers, agents, and employees thereof, pursuant to a maintenance contract. In the event that the same occurs, for the purposes of the PERMIT, it will be considered as a breach of the PERMIT thereby giving the State of Michigan, the DEPARTMENT, and/or the Michigan Transportation Commission a right to

seek and obtain any necessary relief or remedy, including, but not by way of limitation, a judgment for money damages.

4. The GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY It will, by its own volition and/or request by the DEPARTMENT, promptly restore and/or correct physical or operating damages to any State Highway Right of Way resulting from the installation construction, operation and/or maintenance of the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY'S facilities according to a PERMIT issued by the DEPARTMENT.
5. With respect to any activities authorized by PERMIT, when the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY requires insurance on its own or its contractor's behalf it shall also require that such policy include as named insured the State of Michigan, the Transportation Commission, the DEPARTMENT, and all officers, agents, and employees thereof and those governmental bodies performing permit activities for the DEPARTMENT and all officers, agents, and employees thereof, pursuant to a maintenance contract.
6. The incorporation by the DEPARTMENT of this resolution as part of a PERMIT does not prevent the DEPARTMENT from requiring additional performance security or insurance before issuance of a PERMIT.
7. This resolution shall continue in force from this date until cancelled by the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY or the DEPARTMENT with no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. It will not be cancelled or otherwise terminated by the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY with regard to any PERMIT which has already been issued or activity which has already been undertaken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following position(s) are authorized to apply to the DEPARTMENT for the necessary permit to work within State Highway Right of Way on behalf of the GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY.

Thomas L. Morrissey, Utility Director
Rich Kane, Deputy Utility Director
David Swink, Distribution Supervisor
John Stopczynski, Construction Foreman

TRUSTEE MOJICA SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

15. Final Consideration of Samuel Special Land Use Permit Request – Case No. 2-15-2

TRUSTEE FEDEWA MOVED THAT THE DELTA TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT FOR COMMERCIAL

REDEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN CASE NO. 2-15-2 FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. THE REQUEST IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE DELTA TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE ZONING ORDINANCE.
2. THE REQUEST CAN BE OPERATED SUCH THAT IT IS COMPATIBLE WITH SURROUNDING LAND USES.

THE SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT IS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING 2 STIPULATIONS:

1. ONE OF THE TWO EXISTING PYLON SIGNS MUST BE REMOVED TO COMPLY WITH THE SIGN ORDINANCE, SECTION 32-98 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.
2. FAILURE OF THE APPLICANT TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY THE ZONING ORDINANCE, OR BY ANY STIPULATIONS REQUIRED BY THE DELTA TOWNSHIP BOARD, SHALL CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF THIS PERMIT BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD.

TRUSTEE KOSINSKI SUPPORTED THE MOTION.

Colin Maguire, on behalf of Maguire and Associates, LLC, spoke in opposition of the conditions regarding this request.

Trustee Kosinski stated that the conditions included in this resolution were included at the last Planning Commission meeting on March 9, 2015.

THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

16. Mulder Church Property Rezoning Request

TREASURER PIZZO MOVED THAT THE DELTA TOWNSHIP BOARD REFER THE MULDER COMPANY REQUEST TO REZONE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN CASE NO. 2-15-3 FROM RB, LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, TO RD, MEDIUM RESIDENTIAL, TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSES OF HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MATTER AND SUBMITTING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD.

TRUSTEE FEDEWA SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

XV. MANAGER'S REPORT – Jeff Anderson, Acting Township Manager

Mr. Anderson spoke to the Board regarding the water main break on Michigan Avenue on Sunday, March 15, 2015. He stated that the alarm system alerted staff almost immediately, and water was turned off before the main break drained the water system. Mr. Anderson stated that there was a water loss of two million gallons, causing significant damage to Michigan Avenue. Utility Department Director Tom Morrissey met with the Eaton County Road Commission, work has begun to patch and reopen the road by the end of the week, and permanent repairs will be completed when materials become available later this spring.

The feedback regarding Granger's curbside recycling in Delta Township has been overwhelmingly positive.

The next mediation session with Delta Township firefighters union is scheduled for March 30, 2015.

XVI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

17. Building Name Regulation Discussion

Mr. Anderson reviewed for the Township Board the information that he has compiled regarding building naming rights policies from various communities. He stated that most policies from these communities contain the following:

- Naming rights are given based on some type of financial contribution
- An established process for naming rights, usually starting at a department within the municipality or a board/commission.
- Naming rights were typically given after the individual is deceased for a minimum of two years.
- These policies distinguish between naming rights, donations, and sponsorships.

Mr. Anderson stated that his recommendation to the Township Board regarding naming rights is to develop a process to evaluate requests.

Treasurer Pizzo stated that naming rights would defeat the purpose of Delta Township establishing an identity.

Trustee Hicks stated that naming right requests should be considered on a case by case basis.

Trustee Fedewa stated that an official naming rights process should be considered, and it should be something that the Board can come to a consensus on.

Trustee Kosinski stated that limitations should be placed on naming rights. He also stated

that existing buildings and facilities should not be redesignated.

Clerk Clark stated her concerns regarding giving naming rights to elected officials.

Supervisor Fletcher stated that he agrees with considering naming rights requests on a case by case basis.

Jim Salkiewicz, 5007 Aspen Drive, spoke in favor of responding to requests on a case by case basis. He is appreciative of the efforts made by the Board regarding creating a naming rights policy.

XVII. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Trustee Hicks clarified whether or not the Township Board may change a recommendation made by the Planning Commission.

Brad Van Guilder, representing the Sierra Club of Lansing, spoke regarding the Board of Water and Light appointment. The Sierra Club has filed a notice of intent to file a law suit against the Board of Water and Light regarding air pollution violations (coal fired plants and permit violations). Mr. Van Guilder stated that negotiations with the Board of Water and Light are currently taking place.

Supervisor Fletcher introduced Michael Meddaugh, new appointee to the Delta Township Planning Commission.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT –

Supervisor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 7:09 PM.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA

KENNETH FLETCHER, SUPERVISOR

MARY R. CLARK, TOWNSHIP CLERK

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